Transit camps under slum Rehabilitation

2308. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the basic amenities and sanitation facilities provided at various Transit camps under slum rehabilitation of the NDDA are very poor and at certain camps, they are miserable; and

(b) whether Government propose to instruct the NDDA to provide the essential services like potable water, sanitation and leak proof roofings to these transit camps especailly to the one at Uttam Nagar Hostel, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) DDA are aware of the fact that basic facilities like water supply, sewerage, storm water drains have not been provided adequately and uniformly in all the Transit. Camps in Delhi. However, hand pumps have been provided for drinking water. Roads, drains & street lighting are also available for these transit camps. Community latrines have also been provided. The residents are also using the existing community toilets provided in the nearby J.J. colonies. Leakproof A.C. sheet roofings have also been provided. There are a few transit camps where these facilities could not be provided because of ban on taking up further work after October, 1986.

Closure of Government of India Presses

2309. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down three Government of India Presses and Forms Store, Howrah in a phased manner;

(b) if not what are the reasons for unregulated flow of work and material to the above Press and Forms Stores leading to decline in the production;

(c) whether it is a fact that curtailment in budget, withdrawal of procurement power of the Controller and squeezing his activities have led to the situation for closure; and

(d) whether steps are being taken to revitalise these units to enable them to run profitably if these are not being closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The decision of the Government to close down four Government of India Presses—three in Calcutta and one in Simla is under review.

(b) During the last few months supply of reel paper to the requirement of these presses could not be made due to financial and other constraints which resulted in decline in production.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The whole matter is under review.

Service conditions of the stenographers in Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL

2310. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while issuing appointment lettes to the newly recruited stenographers for the branch offices of CMO the SAIL Management have incorporated a clause in the said appointment letters to the effect that they have to work for eight and a half hours including an hour lunch recess instead of seven hours which is prevalent for existing similar staff.